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I, SEJI'A, Ruizo, ex-Lieutenant-Colonel of the Japanese Army, born in 1911 ("eiji 44) state as follows:

I graduated from the Military Academy in 1932 (shown 7) and from the Military College in 1938 (Shown 13). In January 1940 (Shown 15) I was attached to the Army General Staff Office; then in December 1941 (Shown 16), I was appointed member of the 1st Department (Military Operations Department) of the Army General Staff Office, where I actually worked till August 1944 (Shown 19).

I take onth and testify as follows to the facts I had been able to learn in the execution of my duties while working with the Army General Staff Office from January 1940 (Showa 15) to August 1944 (Showa 19).

I. During this period I worked continuously in Section II /'DAINTRA'/ 1st Department of the Army General Staff Office. This section, called the Military Operations Section, took charge of duties regarding plans for military operations. From January 1940 (Shown 15) to December 1941 (Shown 16), I attended to matters of general business which included safe-keeping of secret documents and incineration of documents for which the custody period had expired. During the period that I was a member of Section II, I had charge of matters regarding employment of military forces, and during the latter part, I also participated in the drawing up of operational plans, some of which I draw up myself.

In about spring of 1941 (Showa 16), I incinerated the documents concerning the plans for the 1939 (Showa 14) military operations which had been kept in the document safe. In the Army General Staff Office, the period of custody for operational plans was generally two years. Before incinerating these documents

I took a glance through them and found among them the plans for the 1939 (Showa 14) operations against the U.S.S.R. It was thus that I learned about these plans and can still recollect their outline.

According to this plan, the chief strategical scheme of Japan's Suprema Command, in case of a Russo-Japanese war, was to concentrate our main forces in Eastern Manchuria and take the offensive against Far Last Russia. In this case, the Kwantung Army was to occupy VOFOSHIVOW, VLADIVOSTOK, IVAN and then KHABAROVSK, BLAGOVESHCHEMSK and KUIWSHEVSKA.

After I becare a rember of Section II, 1st Department of the Army General Staff Office, I was able to learn in far more detail the contents of the operational plans as my duties were related to the employment of military forces. It was because I had to consider operational plans for the various areas concerned, in the employment of military forces. Accordingly, I have been able to learn the plans for operations against Russia for the years 1941 (Showa 16) and 1942 (Showa 17).

According to the operational plan for the year 1941 (Showa 16) the Kwantung Army was to concentrate its main forces in the direction of the Maritime Provinces, a part of its forces in the direction of Bracoveshchensk and Kulvshevska, and another part in the neighbourhood of HATLAR while the reserve was to be concentrated in HARBIN in the event of a Russo-Japanese war. The offensive was to be taken from the SUI-REN HO district towards and from the HEI-HO district towards the BRAGOVESHCHENSK and KUIVSHEVSKA districts. Plans were made for the forces in the neighbourhood of HATLAR to take a defensive position in order to protect offensive operations in other areas. The aim of the offensive operations in the Maritime Provinces was to occupy that area, while the offensive in the BRAGOVESHCHENSK and KUIVSHENVSKA districts was meant to cut the railway, to make reinforcement and supply from the west impossible.

In the first phase of the war, they expected to occupy "OLOSHLOV, VLAPIVOSTOK, BRAGOVESHCHENSK, IMAN, KUIVSHEVSKA and RULOVO, while in the second phase, they expected as far as the situation permitted, to occupy North SAKHALIN, Port PETROPAVIOVSK of KANCHATKA, MIKOLAYEVSK of the Amur River, KOMOSTORISK and SORGAWANI.

Beside the Army's plan of operation worked out at the Army General Staff Office, there were as a part of the operational plans, the plans for joint operations to be carried out in close cooperation by the Army and Mavy together. Out of

these plans, those concerning Naval operations were worked out at the Naval General Staff Office and forwarded to the Army General Staff Office where they were inserted as part of the operational plans.

Accordingly, I looked through some of the plans for Paval operations also. For instance, the Naval operations for 1941 (Shows 16) had the three following objects:

- (1) to protect the landings on Port PETFOPAVIOVSK of KAMCHATKA and MORTH SAKHALIN;
- (2) to attack the Russian Pacific Float and blockade VLADIVOSTOK from the sea front;
- (3) to protect the corrunication line connecting Japan Proper, Korea and Tanchuria by guarding the TSUSHIMA channel.

In 1942 (Shown 17), the 1st Department of the Army General Staff Office had worked out a new plan for operations against the U.S.S.I., which was adhered to until the spring of 1944 (Shown 19). Having seen this plan many times, I can still recollect its outline.

Like all the previous operational plans, this plan for the year 1942 (Showa 17) was an offensive plan and the operation was scheduled to commence with a surprise attack.

According to the above plan, about thirty divisions were scheduled to be concentrated in MANCHURIA with the main force in Eastern MANCHURIA and concentrations of some of the forces in the SUN-WU and HATLAR districts respectively. The First Front which was to take the offensive against VOROSHLOV consisted of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 20th armies. The forces of the four armies were to advance in parallel so that they could fight a decisive battle in the vicinity of VOROSHLOV. The 2nd Front consisted of the 4th and 8th armies and its object was to take the offensive in the SWOVODONUI and KUIBYSHEVKA districts to annihilate the Eussian forces in those areas, and cut the railway. Diversional operations were scheduled to be undertaken by the 6th Army in the Western areas. In the first phase of the war, the Japanese Army was scheduled to occupy the Eussian cities in the Maritine Province and BRAGOVESHCHENSK, SWOVODONUK and MUIBYSHEVSKA. The forces in HOKKAIDO were to occupy North SAKHALIN, and a division in Japan Proper was to occupy Port PETROPAVLOVSK of KAMCHATKA.

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The plans for Naval operations for the year 1942 (Showa 17) was in general the same as that of 1941 (Showa 16). The operational plans against the U.S.S.R. for 1943 (Showa 18) also followed the above plans for 1942 (Showa 17).

It had never been explained to me whether there was to be a war against Russia or not. All I knew were the military matters concerning operational plans as an officer of the 1st Department of the Army General Staff Office, and I have no knowledge concerning political relations.

German attack on Lussia, I came to learn the following facts in connection with the reinforcement of the Kwantung Army.

- A. In about the summer of 1941 (Showa 16), I saw, at the 1st Department of the Army General Staff Office, the text of the Imperial Command (handwritten) for despatching two new divisions to the Kwantung Army.
- B. In about the summer of 1941 (Showa 16), I saw, at the 1st Department of the Army General Staff Office, a military order (printed) reorganization in connection with the fifteen divisions of the Kwantung Army on a semi-war-time basis, which was distributed to each section of the department.
- C. Through the documents I saw at the Army General Staff Office, in other words, through the telegrams reporting the progress of mobilization in all districts, I knew that a mobilization was underway in Japan in the summer of 1941 (Showa 16) to reinforce the Kwantung Army. The number of mobilized men was about 300,000, and I came to learn about it through calculation of the strength of the Kwantung Army in 1942 (Showa 17).

The mobilization was secretly carried out, and the usual alaborate send-offs for the conscripts were prohibited. In Tokyo, I often saw mobilized troops bassing through or leaving from the stations in profound silence.

The above was written by my own hand and the contents are true.

(signed) Sejima, Ruizo

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the above-named SEIJIMA, Ruizo, at the Soviet Embassy Building, Tokyo, Japan, this day 27th of September, 1946.

/signed/ Doland J. Schwartz Roland J. Schwartz, Capt. T.C. Surmary Courts Martial

CELTIFICATE

I, 2nd Lt. John D. Hattori, hereby certify that I am fully conversant with the Japanese and English languages, and that this day, the said SEIJI'A, Ruizo, was duly sworn in my presence and signed said Affidavit under oath in my presence; and that all proceedings incidental to the administration of said oath and the signing of said affidavit were truly and correctly translated from Japanese into English and English into Japanese and fully understood and comprehended by said Affiant.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1946, at Tokyo, Japan.

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事僕生昭和十九年八日还勤務政等衙門之首一十一年一年十十日本該在部并一部一部一件獨勢一部員,今日日都是大一年或其其以一一日司即不上年一門不課在部村一次了明和十十十九十四十十十十十四十十十十四十十十十四十十十

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と在りる大漢部河軍寺で産本し極東、解、村、父雲の取る東、東京東部、が、田、野等、場合日本残即部、そと歌場で、は野路できた、明、中、京は北、京寺直の水がしは有根果り記及を一方りは、京朝同、直南十四年度、新、北村書の後行のは前、京朝同、直南十四年度、新、北村書の後行のは前

いべのフェク・ファコニンケテラコン カイアンエフカラは関ういうトラでトスか同年生、ハイロンロア、雨温野愛、リアラとは明と爾多

昭和十七年在人対、作殿計直り承知、下屋りて入る人の日子不是後人以前等等の大屋ではかってのり、下りて、今日田和十大年後後、永知、こうしまえ、日本、八年万里の一角等納、下野計書内田本、年十十年十二月、京孫不部第一部第二部部の南十十年月

等電車をは数する一部へとなべてよる大きとしている。 大量の中海軍は該方はの中の実施の一部後は大きなとりとしてる 大きなななないとのの中の実施の一部の 大部を対しているとしては、大田子を一部へ スカートライク、アログライのできての大路里をは、1部への 大路を対してはないいととして、大路里には、1170円 の本のは然の大はは、120円十日、日間のこれを一段があった。 の本のは然の大きはない、120円にころの 人はなは然の大きはなない、鉄道のますとの下はあった。

在一一十年二日日中下野村里一年一年四月八十十二年 十段起十二年一卷一起以下殿計二八十五年下 飲くや一三日的で有しては日ところはすりのへわる Boc 2673 解大平洋艦隊了成東上三衛區都德之便正面了千万十八人人院及扶養大一上陸衛道就其一四八八 - 出題、其一句(對馬海及下午衛一下戶縣海 ·京属了一个大学以大小八十十一个小 館業なて子をでしておい一本ラナラスは一十十八八十十十十年春に、明初十七年後の一次、天津本の第十九年春に、 見事故其行信己于臣り之人 下了了了同計劃"於了精訓"例三十年因及教計學到了下下與人名然然的一种明己是使 山南北中、村上、张老一摇至小一色、晓吹乐 河川部:三江北京新田的山水 大大日子四十一回二年以初初了一百具治人八十年一个面里 "一年一年一年一年一年一年一天 11年11年一日一次 5十年日一人7 ~草田園第一年からで下口コロン解は二次下来歌 日行いれて体はスノキートリースシンとをこうの思 かる。アンコート午回、対し以第二年-該十回、日里 下京海川下衛道下張者」に三世のころ子田大面 一次下八年一5日平小八年期作歌力子原生下 展りいい要等に成態に日本風にどるい

新して下村、南の中に殿は一年の大田のからか、行 平服我十二年後一起以作歌計劃以於下海軍下 歌くが一川回馬したはロンドはローハコン本にしいくたる Doc 2673 少成人大様大人上陸院講堂、田八四八刀 舞大戶其職際上以来一下展圖對衛上海目相口 一致題,一其一句(對馬海珠下生事一下內難酒 天真了林俊成又小二村—~~ 見手機面又下記問己下在門之人 山南北中了村州七八天地福里一一谷八原水军 河川部(至江东江东山水山南西南部山水) 八十日2日十一日二王以教了一个母亲他又一个田里 · 部一年一年一年一年一日十四十二月天了下午了~~ ~草四國第一年かいか下ロンロノ附近二於于宋默 上行いから年前は、十十十一ついりはなって面里 中、其中人所一种一种一种人的品人不幸于了一个 他人等了了了不不同,好了以第了面,被不面,又要 子事は、子戲道子選者しい、在りてとる西大面 二代下に第一切里子以下奉制作戰力予受力下 展了了少數等第一該管二日本第八次后門

~ン解却中及プランコエンチエノスクスタナードスー及 クリアエフカラとのは、いけり到テアリアとう又在は海 造一部隊「以子杖様大うらろう本川」個師回 のう以下からナイトへ、満り上はできるとないろうでという 以明初十十年年一届年上歌学到、梅子明报 明十七十年は一下一日調整十二十年ニッツ 以上一門就十七年前外一件熟計劃、照和十八年 食の大器語がせてるとしている 教が教が作ったにナーした、右に下思すでき 華関原一、一九八下居日城東関係一部下紀本衛本部第一部神林八下民數計劃一日十 いてローレカツ 第二照報十十年夏陳姓己一對以水學一後我 緊緊無難處因為以以一種與上來也沒一人 中軍全部一大衛田子准戰時福港一次人民犯不一年有人為後韓本部軍一部門不明明十十年有及母於韓本部第一部三於一部一門第十十十五人人的一下大一年前以下一十十四十四十十十五人四十十十二年國司以本部本部第一部一次十十 焼いとり」一般と其当時大学を課一気中 カラ西大いいののいか(ひ)あったー) した様本神一次一年一見りと書類が十分のコー 動員經過了精生は人に布民報」ひりれい明報十七 等百里日本二次二時本東西中衛問題了了人一部日本

アリンエアラーはいいよりますアートーアーラスはは 道一部隊了以子大樓大下已經了本州一個師因 「小以子ヤコナマトリーへ法の了とはなってるととくてりりてい 及明初十十年後、同軍作戰計劃、極不明和 明十十十年後一下一日間報本十二十年二十二日 後、路蔵せてるとうが、作歌計画、服和十八年以上の部れ十七年十八年 いくしとニーレカン 関東軍傅田國及以次一章項子承祖至了以第二服和十十十年夏度的力一料以次要人復私人 族とラントにろは当時大学を課し気を カラ西へいい回的と、アン(子) ら味味年かった、本人見る事類即十分からり 動員經過了報告人に在日本に明報すり、一本に明報十七 等自及日本二次一門東東軍衛門一分人一都自然

(テクななにりを発すでして入り、人)を大き、日等十十一と子生のの 衛三年できるとは、日等十十一と子生のの 銀星をはるるとはないなど、神な、行いるといれなど、神な、神な、神な、行いって、動見せらい人、対らい、明和十七年一次を関東京中午のは、中日は、一方のでの、明和十七年一次を関東京十分に、日本のは、1911十万四十万月、1911年の11十万日、1911年の11十万日、1911年の11十万日、1911年に

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